# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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SURVEILLANCE ALONG COASTS
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Coast Guard has stepped up vigil along the coasts particularly in Kerala following a tip off about an unidentified vessel carrying arms from the Gulf;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the surveillance along entire coasts?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): The Coast Guard has stepped up its vigil after receiving information on the possibility of a vessel landing arms on the Indian coast. Coast Guard ships and aircraft have been tasked to interdict the suspected vessel.

The Coast Guard has increased its surveillance along the entire west coast of India. The Navy has also been alerted.